



NOTICE/AGENDA

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
NORTH STATE REGIONAL OFFICE
REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
POSTED AT: www.scdd.ca.gov**

DATE: February 8, 2019

TIME: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Far Northern Regional Center
1900 Churn Creek Road #317
Redding, CA 96002
(530) 222-4791

MEETING FACILITATOR AND CHAIR: ROSIE RYAN

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- Item 1. CALL TO ORDER**
PRESENTED BY ROSIE RYAN
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- Item 2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
PRESENTED BY ROSIE RYAN
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- Item 3. ESTABLISH QUORUM**
PRESENTED BY ROSIE RYAN
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- Item 4. *PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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- Item 5. APPROVAL OF JUNE 8, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**
PRESENTED BY ROSIE RYAN
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- Item 6. PRESENTATION – UNDERSTANDING THE STATE
COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**
PRESENTED BY MARYAGNES NOLAN, CPS II
SCDD, NORTH STATE OFFICE
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| Item 7. | SCDD NORTH STATE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
PRESENTED BY CHARLES NUTT |
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| Item 8. | STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK (SSAN)
PRESENTED BY TERESA MOSHIER |
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| Item 9. | FAR NORTHERN REGIONAL CENTER
PRESENTED BY LAURA LARSON |
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| Item 10. | MEMBER REPORTS
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| Item 11. | SCDD, NORTH STATE OFFICE REPORT
PRESENTED BY SARAH MAY & MARYAGNES NOLAN <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Community Activitiesb. Volunteer Orientation Packets |
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| Item 12. | ADJOURNMENT |
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Note(s): *Public Comment: This item is for members of the public only to provide comments and/or present information to the Committee on matters not on the agenda. Each person will be will be afforded up to three minutes to speak. Written requests, if any, will be considered first.

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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
North State Office – Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2018

Members Present

Stephen Concklin (FA)
 Delia Rios (FA)
 Rosie Ryan (SA)

Members Absent

Marie Blair (SA)
 Adriana Griffin, Provider /NVS
 Cindy Harrell (FA)
 Teresa Moshier (SA)
 Scott Douglass (SA)

Others Attending

Laura Larson, FNRC
 Melissa Gruhler, FNRC
 Sarah May, Staff
 Mary Agnes Nolan, Staff
 Charles Nutt, (SA)
 Ryan Duncanwood (SA)
 Kristin Smith
 Marianna McGinnity

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rosie Ryan (SA) called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

A quorum was not established.

3. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone present introduced themselves.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public comment.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of 10/5/18 Meeting Minutes – postponed due to lack of quorum.

6. PRESENTATION

Mary Agnes Nolan presented “Understanding the Lanterman Act using the DDS Consumer Guide,” which is part of the SCDD NSRO Training Series. All members received a copy of the booklet and information on how to order books.

7. SCDD North State Council Representative Report

Charles Nutt (SA) provided members with a handout from the November 29, 2018 Council meeting and reviewed the summary of Council actions. Charles additionally shared that he will continue in the Vice-Chair role for the next term.

8. SSAN North State Representative Report

Teresa Moshier (SA) attended the December 5-6, 2018 SSAN meeting and Sarah provided members with information on what took place at the meeting. Teresa will be writing an article on the Camp Fire for the next SSAN newsletter.

9. Far Northern Regional Center

Laura Larson, Director of Far Northern Regional Center shared information on the impact of the wildfires and the outpouring of support received. The Camp fire has been the deadliest fire in the nation with 50,000 people impacted since 1918. 700 individuals receiving services from Far Northern Regional Center have been impacted and could result to 350-400 possibly moving out of the area. Individuals that haven't located alternative housing are living in family homes, hotels, and shelters. In addition to the individuals served, providers and staff have also lost their homes creating a lack of resources and staffing crisis for our area. Providers served others outside of Paradise which leads to concern for the survival of agencies. Our area now lacks Nursing Care Facilities and 17 individuals are temporarily located at Porterville Developmental Center until alternative solutions can be developed as ICF-DDN facilities must be located by a hospital.

Melissa Gruhler provided information on Self-Determination and how FNRC had one of the Welcome Meetings in Redding on November 7, 2018. The second one was scheduled in Chico on the day the Camp Fire started and has been postponed until January. The rollout orientation meeting will possibly be in February. One person of the sixty for our area has moved out of the area.

10. MEMBER REPORTS

- Rosie Ryan (SA) shared that she will be singing in nine performances with her church choir.
- Stephen Conklin (FA) shared that he is on the board of the Siskiyou Opportunity Center (SOC) and they have two sites that provide services. The site located at the Gold Street School have to leave by the end of January and SOC is looking at two locations to possibly purchase.
- Cindy Harrell, Plumas County RAC member provided a written report that was shared with the members including information that Plumas Unified School District (PUSD) has a new SELPA Director, Keven Bean.

11. SCDD, NORTH STATE OFFICE

a. Community Activities

A written report on page 10 in the RAC packet and staff updated members on the work being done through collaboration and outreach and with trainings and presentations. Sarah additionally advised that SCDD is responsible for developing a survey tool for the Self-Determination Program.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m. The next RAC meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2018.



ADMINISTRATION ON
INTELLECTUAL AND
DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES



Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
<http://transition.acf.hhs.gov/programs/aidd>

Fact Sheet: AIDD Programs

AIDD provides financial and leadership support to organizations in every state and territory in the United States to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families can fully participate in and contribute to all aspects of community life. AIDD oversees four grant programs established by the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, oversees the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities, and administers the disability provisions of the Help America Vote Act. In each state or territory, the four grant programs form a developmental disabilities network, or DD Network.

State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (Councils)

Councils are self-governing organizations charged with identifying the most pressing needs of people with developmental disabilities in their state or territory. The 56 Councils are committed to advancing public policy and systems change that help these individuals gain more control over their lives.

Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&As)

P&As work at the state level to protect individuals with developmental disabilities by empowering them and advocating on their behalf. There are 57 P&As in the United States and its territories, and each is independent of service-providing agencies within its state.

University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (UCEDDs)

The 68 UCEDDs are a national network of independent but interlinked centers that serve as liaisons between academia and the community. UCEDDs receive a discretionary grant that is awarded to interdisciplinary education, research, and public service units of universities, or public or nonprofit entities associated with universities.

Projects of National Significance (PNS)

Through the 41 PNS grants that focus on the most pressing issues for people with developmental disabilities and their families, AIDD supports policy development and awards funding that enhance the independence, productivity, inclusion, and integration of these individuals.

President's Committee on People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID)

PCPID provides advice and assistance to the President of the United States and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on a broad range of topics that affect people with intellectual disabilities.

Related Programs: Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

HAVA programs are designed to establish and improve participation in the election process for individuals with the full range of disabilities. Funding is awarded to eligible P&As as well as entities providing training and technical assistance to P&As.



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The 56 Councils across the United States and its territories work to address identified needs by conducting advocacy, systems change, and capacity building efforts that promote self-determination, integration, and inclusion. Key activities include conducting outreach, providing training and technical assistance, removing barriers, developing coalitions, encouraging citizen participation, and keeping policymakers informed about disability issues.

Diverse Council Membership

Council members are appointed by a state's governor; by law, more than 60 percent of a Council's membership must consist of individuals with developmental disabilities or their family members. Advocates and state agency representatives also serve as members. This diversity enables Councils to better analyze and improve systems and services within a state and ensure that the voices of people with developmental disabilities and their families are heard.

Empowerment through Self-Advocacy

Councils focus on empowering individuals through activities that teach self-advocacy skills and support self-determination. By empowering individuals and their families to both advocate for themselves and seek long-term solutions through systems change, Councils are creating an environment of self-sufficiency, self-determination, inclusion, and acceptance. Councils also play a critical role in quality assurance and as innovators in the development of person-centered systems.

State-Level Planning and Goal Implementation

To serve their communities, Councils design 5-year state plans that address new ways of improving service delivery. To implement the state plans, Councils work with different groups in many ways, including educating communities to welcome people with developmental disabilities, funding projects to show new ways that people with disabilities can work, play, and learn, and seeking information from the public and from state and national sources.

In FY 2011, Councils reported that:

- *26,063 students received education and support needed to reach their educational goals*
- *2,122 adults obtained jobs of their choice*

FY 2012 appropriations provided \$74,774,000 to support Councils.

Regional Offices on Developmental Disabilities

What Regional Offices Do:

Help connect people to needed services and supports

- Provides information about available services and supports
- Informs people about their rights and how to be their own advocate
- Advises people on their appeal rights if a service they need is denied

Strive to improve services and supports

- Review policies and practices of publicly funded agencies
- Identify the types of services and supports that are needed but not available
- Monitor legislation significant to individuals with developmental disabilities

Help people become part of their communities

- Encourage and assist citizen advocacy organizations
- Educate the public about disabilities and the importance of full inclusion of individuals with disabilities in the community

Developmental Disability Definitions



Federal Definition

Starts before age 22

Limitations in 3 of these areas:

- Self-care
- Talking to and understanding other people
- Learning and remembering
- Getting around on your own
- Self-direction/making decisions
- Living independently
- Support yourself and handle money



California Definition

Starts before age 18

Must have a significant disability with 1 of these diagnoses:

- Intellectual disability
- Epilepsy (seizures)
- Cerebral Palsy
- Autism
- Condition like intellectual disability that requires treatment and support similar to that needed for persons with intellectual disabilities



The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) receives funding from the Federal Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD). The State Council supports:

- Self-determination;
- Independence;
- Productivity; and
- Inclusion for all Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families.

This State Plan has 6 goals and 18 objectives for October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021. There is 1 headquarters and 12 regional offices that do the work of this State Plan.

You can contact the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) by calling one of the numbers listed below:

- (916) 322 – 8481
- Toll Free: (866) 802 – 0514
- TTY: (916) 324 – 8420

Or you can send an email to council@scdd.ca.gov.

Goal #1: Self-Advocacy

Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families will have increased support to advocate for:

- Self-determination; and
- Inclusion within their communities.

How will the Council achieve the Self-Advocacy goal?

Objective 1:

The Council will increase knowledge about self-determination and person-centered planning by:

- Monitoring; and
- Supporting the Self-Determination Program.

Objective 2:

The Council will support self-advocate leaders in statewide networks through:

- Leadership training for self-advocates; and
- Strengthening self-advocacy organizations.



Goal #2: Employment

Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families will have increased information on how to get competitive integrated employment.

How will the Council achieve the Employment goal?

Objective 1:

The Council will support strategies that encourage competitive integrated employment of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Objective 2:

The Council will work with federal partners to increase:

- Advocacy; and
- Support of laws and policies that increase competitive integrated employment for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Goal #3: Housing

Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families will have increased access to housing that is:

- Affordable;
- Accessible; and
- Safe.

How will the Council achieve the Housing goal?

Objective 1:

The Council will work with housing organizations to increase development and availability of community housing for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Objective 2:

The Council will identify and decrease barriers to housing for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Objective 3:

The Council will work with federal partners to increase:

- Advocacy; and
- Support of laws and policies that increase housing for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Goal #4: Health & Safety

Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families will have more information to access:

- Health Services; and
- Public Safety Services.

How will the Council achieve the Health & Safety goal?

Objective 1:

The Council will work with federal partners to increase information for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families on:

- Availability; and
- Access to health and public safety services.

Objective 2:

The Council will work with federal partners and self-advocates to increase training on disability related issues for:

- Law enforcement;
- Court personnel;
- Healthcare providers; and
- Other care professionals.



Goal #4: Health & Safety (continued)

Objective 3:

The Council will work with federal partners to increase:

- Advocacy; and
- Support of laws and policies that increase access to health and public safety services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Goal #5: Lifelong Inclusive Education

Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families will have increased ways to get lifelong inclusive educational services.

How will the Council achieve the Lifelong Inclusive Education goal?

Objective 1:

The Council will work with federal partners to increase information for people with intellectual disabilities and their families on:

- Developmental milestones; and
- Intervention services for families and professionals.

Objective 2:

The Council will work with partners to increase awareness and knowledge for families and self-advocates on:

- Availability; and
- Access to inclusive educational services.



Goal #5: Lifelong Inclusive Education (continued)

Objective 3:

The Council will work with partners to increase knowledge of individualized transition plans that lead to:

- Employment;
- Higher Education; or
- Independent living options.

Objective 4:

The Council will work with federal partners to increase:

- Advocacy; and
- Support of laws or policies that will increase access to quality educational services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Goal #6: Community Supports

Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families will have increased access to community-based services.

How will the Council achieve the Community Supports goal?

Objective 1:

The Council will work with federal partners to:

- Reduce barriers; and
- Increase availability of Spanish language materials.

The Council will:

- Translate available California Regional Center Service information; and
- Track statewide service data of Spanish speaking clients.

Objective 2:

The Council will train people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who live in institutions so that they may:

- Move into the community; and
- Increase their ability to self-advocate.



Goal #6: Community Supports (continued)

Objective 3:

The Council will improve services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families through:

- Outreach;
- Training; and
- Technical assistance.

Training will include service issues within regional centers, education, transportation, public benefits, child care, and recreation.

Objective 4:

The Council will work with federal partners to increase:

- Advocacy; and
- Support of laws and policies that increase access to quality community-based services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Underlined Words and their Meanings

Advocacy; Advocate; *and* Self-Advocacy means that you speak up and speak out for your rights and issues.

A **Barrier** is something that stops you from doing something you want. It could include such things as a wall or a policy. Another person can be a barrier as well.

Competitive Integrated Employment means that you have the choice and opportunity to work that includes:

- Coworkers with and without disabilities;
- Competitive wages;
- Standard benefit packages; and
- Opportunity to achieve professional and career advancement.

Developmental Milestones are certain skills that a person develops by a certain age. These skills include:

- Learning;
- Moving; or
- Speaking.

Underlined Words and their Meanings (Continued)

Federal Partners include:

- California Department of Developmental Services;
- Disability Rights California;
- University of Southern California, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles – University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD);
- University of California Davis MIND Institute – University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD); and
- University of California Los Angeles Tarjan Center Institute – University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD).

Inclusion means that a person, regardless of their abilities, disabilities, or health care needs, is welcomed and respected in any situation.

Inclusive Education; Inclusive Educational Services means that you can attend a school with other students your age and you are supported to learn, contribute, and participate in all parts of school life.

Independence means that you have the freedom from others to make choices regarding your own life.

Individualized Transition Plan is a written plan that says what a student will need to live, work, and play as an adult.

Intervention Services include speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. These services can help development.

Underlined Words and their Meanings (Continued)

Person Centered Planning means that you identify your needs; you learn about available services; and you receive help in planning your services.

Productivity means that you can create meaningful things as part of the community.

Public Safety Services includes, but is not limited to, emergency medical services, fire and rescue services, and police services.

Self Determination Program is a program run by the California Department of Developmental Services (DSS) through the Regional Centers. This program will allow you to have more control in choosing of your services and your supports.

Self-Determination is a combination of attitudes and abilities that lead people to set goals for themselves and to take the initiative to reach these goals –Pacer Center



Ensure that Californians with developmental disabilities are guaranteed the same full and equal opportunities for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as all Americans.

January 15, 2019 State Council Meeting Summary

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

- Swore in two new councilmembers:
 - Julie Neward, a family advocate from San Diego
 - Nicole Adler, a self-advocate from Redwood City
- Presented the Program Performance Report for SCDD's work in 2018
- Presentation by Health and Human Services Agency on Governor Newsom's 2019-2020 Proposed Budget and by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) on the DDS Budget
- Member Spotlight feat. Jeana Eriksen
- Panel Presentation - Projects of Excellence
 - SCDD San Diego Regional Office presented on "Project College"
 - SCDD North Coast Regional Office presented on "In Case of Emergency Cards"
- Film Screening: "Extraordinary People" followed by discussion with Autism Society of America Vice Chair Lori Ireland and Extraordinary Ventures CEO Paige Morrow about employment, HCBS requirements, segregated works sites, and community integration

STATE PLAN INFORMATION

- SCDD work in 2018 reached and impacted:
 - 2,682,914 Californians

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Executive Director Aaron Carruthers shared summaries on the following areas:
 - Federal government shutdown impact on SCDD and services used by people with disabilities and families
 - Highlighted opportunities with DDS, the Department of Social Services and CalFresh
 - Updated Council on Conflict of Interest questions from prior meetings
 - Welcomed SCDD Public Information Officer Scott Yates
 - SCDD finished its hiring goals and HQ staff is full

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS

- Council approved the Conflict of Interest Waiver request for the following individual:
 - GGRC Board Member David De Lira
- Council approved the 2018 Program Performance Report
- Council Chair Sandra Smith appointed Julie Austin as Chair of the LPPC Committee

FUTURE MEETING DATE

- March 12, 2019 – Hilton, Sacramento
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Report from the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

Highlights from the December SSAN Meeting

The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN), a project of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) met on December 5th and 6th, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Sacramento. Here are highlights from this meeting:

Importance of Self-Advocacy:

Self-advocacy is necessary in all aspects of a person's life. Self-advocacy helps people to develop a sense of worth and dignity, teaches confidence, provides the opportunity to have a seat at the table and leads to becoming active members in the communities.

Focus of Meeting:

DAY 1 of the meeting, members reviewed the SSAN Bylaws. SSAN Chair Robert Balderama established an ad hoc workgroup to review the bylaws and present the updates to the members at the March Meeting. Members of the workgroup are:

- Lisa Cooley, Sacramento Regional Representative
- Nicole Patterson, Department of Developmental Services
- Paul Mansell, San Diego Regional Representative
- Kecia Weller, UCLA Tarjan Center Representative
- Regina Woodliff, Bay Area Regional Representative

Members reviewed and provided feedback to DDS on the publication "Think Ahead" and discussed the importance of end of life planning.

The SSAN workgroups met to discuss current projects and planning for 2019 meetings.



DAY 2 featured SSAN elections. Other agenda items included: updates from SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers, review of the 2017-2018 SSAN Annual Report, approval of 15th edition of the SSAN Newsletter, and a presentation on federal and state legislative processes, from the SCDD Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Cindy Smith.

Administrative Updates from SCDD:

SCDD would like to work with SSAN on educating the community about Self-Determination and the rollout of an ambassador's program. Stay tune for more updates on these projects.

REMINDER: The SCDD Headquarters has a new address: 3831 N. Freeway Blvd. Suite 125. Sacramento, CA 95834. The new phone number is 916-263-7919.

Legislative Training Resources

Official Website for CA State Legislature: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

California State Assembly Directory: <https://www.assembly.ca.gov/>

California State Senator Directory: <https://www.senate.ca.gov/>

Find Your Legislator Tool:

http://www.legislature.ca.gov/legislators_and_districts/legislators_and_districts.htm

Official website for information on the U.S. Congress:

<https://www.congress.gov/>

U.S. House of Representative's Directory:

<https://www.house.gov/representatives>

U.S. Senate Directory:

https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm



SSAN Workgroups Information:

Call-In: 1-800-839-9416

Participation Code: 870-3085

- **Self-Determination**
 - Meets the second Friday of the month by teleconference at 12:00 PM
- **Employment**
 - Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month by teleconference at 1:30 PM
- **Legislative**
 - Meets the second Wednesday of the month by teleconference at 1:30 PM
- **Newsletter/Communication**
 - Check out <https://scdd.ca.gov/selfadvocacy/> for the latest issue.
 - Meets as needed
 - Please send articles for the September edition to: rj.levy70@gmail.com

ACTIONS Taken:

- Approved December meeting minutes
- Created a workgroup to review the SSAN Bylaws
- Approved the DRAFT 2017-2018 SSAN Annual Report
- Approved 15th Edition of Newsletter
- Elected New Officers
 - Chair: Nicole Patterson, DDS Consumer Advocate
 - Vice-Chair: Desiree Boykin, ARCA Representative
 - Secretary: Lisa Cooley, SCDD Sacramento Regional Representative

Member Activity: Between the months of September and December, SSAN members attended participated in 44 events/meetings, reaching **1674 Californians**.

Next Meeting: The next SSAN meeting will be on March 26th and 27th, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Northeast in Sacramento.



SSAN 2017-2018 Annual Report Summary

SSAN Mission Statement

The Statewide Self Advocacy Network (SSAN) promotes leadership and builds bridges that strengthen advocacy among disability communities by focusing on policy change.

SSAN is a project of the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities. SSAN has 20 members representing the 12 regional offices of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), SCDD, state agencies and nonprofits whose missions are to educate, empower and provide services and support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. SSAN is a training network built on the idea that SSAN members will train other self-advocates in their communities on issues that impact their lives and will produce stronger advocates who will strengthen the self-advocacy movement across California. SSAN is one of the primary vehicles which SCDD uses to achieve Goal #1 of the State Plan.

SCDD Self-Advocacy Goal #1 in Plain Language – “Californians with developmental disabilities and their families will have increased support to advocate for their rights to achieve: self-determination, integration, and inclusion within their communities.”

The 2017-2018 year was full of many accomplishments for SSAN. During the 2017-2018 Federal Fiscal Year, the following structural changes took place:

- The SSAN Officers updated the SSAN membership application and process for regional representatives
- The SSAN Officers reviewed member applications for the North Coast, Central Coast and CFILC vacancies
- The SSAN Officers participated in a leadership training



SSAN met 4 times during December 2017 to September 2018 and received trainings and presentations on the following topics:

- “How I got Hired” and the Benefits of Employment
- Mock Job Interviews and LEAP Hiring
- Vendor Process for Day Programs
- ABLE Act Update
- Mental Health Awareness – tools & tips
- Self-Determination Orientation Materials by DDS
- Updates to the ADA
- Building Accessibility – tools and tips

The SSAN Leadership identified plans for:

- Continued Communication through Newsletters
- Legislative Advocacy
- Training Development
- Networking

Each meeting includes member reports, legislative updates, training for members, and resources to distribute.

Each member is on at least one workgroup. The workgroups met a total of 43 times.

- Employment met 9 times
- Self-Determination met 9 times
- Newsletter met 9 times
- Legislation met 9 times
- Officers met 16 times

SSAN Members produced 4 Newsletters

SSAN Conducted 129 outreach and trainings events in their communities on all 6 of the State Plan goals reaching a total of 4,589 people.

Department of Developmental Services

Governor's Budget Highlights



**Gavin Newsom
Governor
State of California**

**Michael Wilkening
Secretary
California Health and Human Services Agency**

**Nancy Bargmann
Director
Department of Developmental Services**

January 2019

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Department of Developmental Services (Department) is responsible for administering the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act). The Lanterman Act provides for the coordination and provision of services and supports to enable people with developmental disabilities to lead more independent, productive, and integrated lives. The Early Start Program provides for the delivery of appropriate services to infants and toddlers at risk of having developmental disabilities. The Department carries out its responsibilities through 21 community-based, non-profit corporations known as regional centers, two state-operated developmental centers, one state-operated community facility, and four community-based acute crisis homes.

The number of individuals with developmental disabilities in the community served by regional centers (consumers) is expected to increase from 333,094 in the current year, to 349,606 in 2019-20. The number of individuals who will reside in state-operated residential facilities is estimated to be 323 on July 1, 2019.

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET SUMMARY

The Governor's Budget includes \$7.8 billion total funds (\$4.8 billion GF) for the Department in 2019-20; an increase of \$435.2 million (\$332.4 million GF) over the updated 2018-19 budget.

FUNDING SUMMARY <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>				
	2018-19	2019-20	Difference	Percentage Change
BUDGET SUMMARY				
Community Services	\$6,892,600	\$7,398,803	\$506,203	7.3%
Developmental Centers	394,383	309,462	-84,921	-21.5%
Headquarters Support	70,895	84,793	13,898	19.6%
TOTALS, ALL PROGRAMS	\$7,357,878	\$7,793,058	\$435,180	5.9%
GENERAL FUND				
Community Services	\$4,087,869	\$4,450,177	\$362,308	8.9%
Developmental Centers	306,682	265,834	-40,848	-13.3%
Headquarters Support	42,314	53,217	10,903	25.8%
GF TOTAL, ALL PROGRAMS	\$4,436,865	\$4,769,228	\$332,363	7.5%

Additional detail is available in the Program and Funding Summary on page 7.

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

2018-19

The updated current year projected community population is 333,094, a net increase of 356 consumers, compared to the 2018 Enacted Budget. The net increase results from a projected increase of 442 consumers in Active caseload, and a decrease of 86 in Early Start caseload.

The Governor's Budget updates the 2018 enacted budget to \$6.9 billion (\$4.1 billion GF); a decrease of \$78.0 million (\$64.8 million GF). The decrease includes a \$74.7 million decrease (\$37.1 million GF) in Purchase of Service (POS) expenditures and a \$3.2 million decrease (\$27.7 million GF) in Operations. The main driver for the overall GF decrease is additional federal reimbursements from Targeted Case Management (TCM).

Caseload and Utilization

Decrease of \$23.6 million (\$28.9 million GF) in regional center Operations (OPS) and Purchase of Services (POS) as follows:

- OPS decrease of \$3.2 million (\$27.7 million GF)
- POS decrease of \$20.4 million (\$1.2 million GF)

The decrease in OPS is due to updated caseload and staffing expenditures.

The decrease in POS is primarily attributed to actual expenditures for the January 2018 SB 3 Minimum Wage Increase coming in \$89.6 million lower than originally estimated. Estimated expenditures for 2018-19 are \$101.2 million.

SB 3 Minimum Wage Increase, Effective January 1, 2019

A decrease of \$54.6 million (\$33.1 million GF) due to prior year actual expenditures coming in lower than previously estimated.

2019-20

The budget year projected community population is 349,606, an increase of 16,512 consumers, compared to updated current year projections. This projected increase consists of 12,417 consumers in Active caseload and 4,095 in Early Start caseload over updated budget.

The Governor's Budget proposes \$7.4 billion (\$4.5 billion GF) for the Regional Center system, an increase of \$506.2 million (\$362.3 million GF) as compared to the updated current year budget. The increase is a result of the following adjustments:

Caseload and Utilization

Increase of \$402.2 million (\$302.5 million GF) in regional center OPS and POS as follows:

- OPS increase of \$31.3 million (\$24.0 million GF)
- POS increase of \$370.9 million (\$278.5 million GF)

The net increase in OPS is primarily due to updated caseload and staffing expenditures.

The increase in POS reflects adjustments for all POS budget categories based on current year expenditure trends.

Specialized Home Monitoring

Increase of \$5.5 million (\$3.7 million GF) to provide required monitoring of specialized homes. One licensed nurse or behavioral specialist will conduct the monitoring for four specialized homes. There will be 93 operational Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Healthcare Needs, 58 operational Enhanced Behavioral Supports Homes and 26 Community Crisis Homes in 2019-20.

Specialized Caseload Ratios

Increase of \$3.8 million (\$2.6 million GF) to establish a 1:25 service coordinator-to-consumer caseload ratio for consumers with complex needs requiring intensive service coordination for stabilization in the least restrictive setting.

Developmental Center Closure/Ongoing Workload

Net increase of \$3.0 million (\$1.5 million GF) to continue regional center workload associated with the ongoing monitoring and coordination of individuals who transition from Developmental Centers. Funding has been shifted from the Agnews and Lanterman Developmental Center Closures to offset the \$8.3 million (\$3.9 million GF) total costs.

Impacts from Other Departments, Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT) Consumers with no Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Decrease in savings of \$39.4 million GF due to transition of all Medi-Cal Managed Care consumers with medically necessary BHT services. By the end of 2018-19, all of these consumers will have fully transitioned to Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). As a result, savings from Medi-Cal Managed Care occurred in 2018-19 only. Fee-for-service consumers continue to access services through regional centers and the Department is reimbursed by DHCS. Reimbursements for non-ASD fee-for-service are displayed in Reimbursements from DHCS.

Community Crisis Homes for Children

One-time increase of \$4.5 million GF to develop three community crisis homes for children. The estimated cost to develop each home is \$1.5 million.

Community Placement Plan for DC Closures

Decrease of \$21.6 million (\$14.5 million GF) due to closure of the three remaining Developmental Centers.

Uniform Holiday Schedule

Decrease of \$47.8 million (\$28.7 million GF) due to the expiration of the one-time 2018-19 appropriation that delayed implementation of the Uniform Holiday Schedule. The Department proposes to implement the policy effective July 1, 2019.

SB 3 Minimum Wage, January 1, 2019

Increase of \$76.0 million (\$38.4 million GF) to reflect the estimated full-year cost of the January 1, 2019 California minimum wage increase from \$11.00 to \$12.00 per hour.

SB 3 Minimum Wage, January 1, 2020

Increase of \$83.0 million (\$41.7 million GF) to reflect the estimated half-year cost of the January 1, 2020 California minimum wage increase from \$12.00 to \$13.00 per hour.

Bridge Funding

Decrease of \$42.0 million (\$25.0 million GF) due to the expiration of the one-time appropriation in 2018-19.

STATE OPERATED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM

2018-19

The DC and STAR Home population was 514 residents on July 1, 2018. The Department projects an ending population of 323 residents on June 30, 2019.

The Governor's Budget updates the 2018-19 Enacted Budget to \$394.4 million (\$306.7 million GF); an increase of \$9.8 million (\$7.5 million GF). The increase is a combination of the following adjustments:

Operations Expenditures

Decrease of \$0.8 million (\$0.3 million GF) in Operations Expense and Equipment (OE&E) costs due to a net reduction of 20 residents compared to 2018-19 Enacted Budget.

Employee Compensation and Retirement

Increase of \$11.6 million increase (\$8.1 million GF) for compensation and retirement adjustments approved through the collective bargaining process and Item 9800 – Employee Compensation Adjustments.

Sonoma and Fairview Lump Sum Leave Balance Payouts

Decrease of \$0.9 million (\$0.3 million GF) as compared to the 2018-19 Enacted Budget to fund lump sum leave balance payouts for separating employees.

2019-20

The Governor's Budget proposes a total of \$309.5 million (\$265.8 million GF) for the State Operated Residential and Community Facilities Program; a decrease of \$84.9 million (\$40.8 million GF) from the 2018-19 updated budget. The decrease reflects the following adjustments:

Operations Expenditures

Decrease of \$82.9 million (\$37.0 million GF) comprised of \$70.5 million in Personal Services and a \$12.4 million in OE&E due to a reduction in resident population. The decrease includes the following adjustments:

- \$11.7 million (\$7.3 million GF) increase and 100.6 positions to operate one

- additional STAR Home in Northern California and to develop two Central Valley STAR homes and a Central Valley Crisis Assessment Stabilization Team (CAST) as part of the Department's ongoing Safety Net planning.
- DC staffing update, decrease of \$105.9 million (\$55.6 million GF), including position reductions from the Sonoma DC closure.
 - One-time funding increase of \$5.0 million GF for Deferred Maintenance at Porterville.
 - \$1.0 million GF increase for 8.0 Regional Resource Development Project (RRDP) staff required to continue monitoring of Sonoma residents who transitioned to the community.
 - \$5.3 million GF increase for the ongoing cost of workers' compensation claims from open and closed facilities.

Employee Compensation and Retirement

Decrease of \$1.4 million (\$0.9 million GF) for employee compensation and retirement adjustments approved through the collective bargaining process. In total, the Governor's Budget includes \$10.1 million (\$7.1 million GF) for employee compensation and retirement adjustments in 2019-20.

Fairview and Porterville General Treatment Area Lump Sum Leave Balance Payouts

Decrease of \$0.6 million (\$2.9 million GF) to fund lump sum leave balance payouts for separating employees. In total the Governor's Budget proposes \$7.7 million (\$4.0 million GF) to fund lump sum leave balance payouts in 2019-20.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Governor's Budget does not include a proposal for Capital Outlay funds in 2019-20.

HEADQUARTERS

2018-19

The Governor's Budget updates the 2018-19 Enacted Budget to \$70.9 million (\$42.3 million GF); an increase of \$2.7 million (\$2.2 million GF). The increase is for employee compensation and retirement adjustments approved through the collective bargaining process and Item 9800 – Employee Compensation Adjustments.

2019-20

The Governor's Budget proposes \$84.8 million (\$53.2 million GF) for Headquarters in 2019-20, an increase of \$13.8 million (\$10.9 million GF) compared to the 2018-19 updated budget. The net increase results from the expiration of \$0.4 million GF in one-time funding and an increase for three Budget Change Proposals (BCPs) as detailed below:

Headquarters Restructure and Reorganization

\$8.1 million (\$6.5 million GF) and 54.0 positions to restructure the organization and realign resources to achieve efficient and effective system-wide improvements to better serve Californians in the developmental disabilities services system.

Home and Community-Based Services Assessments

\$3.0 million (\$1.8 million GF) in one-time funds to contract for the coordination and completion of on-site visits and assessments of providers and programs as required by the Home and Community-Based Services final rules.

Federal Claims Reimbursement System Project

\$3.2 million (\$3.0 million GF) for the Federal Reimbursement System Project, a multi-year information technology project to replace the legacy federal billing system that DDS utilizes to claim \$2.8 billion in federal funds annually. This request includes three-year limited term funding for 5.0 positions. The estimated costs for 2020-21 and 2021-22 are outlined in the BCP.

2019 Governor's Budget
Program and Funding Summary
(Dollars in Thousands)

	2018-19*	2019-20	Difference
Community Services Program			
Regional Centers	\$6,892,600	\$7,398,803	\$506,203
Totals, Community Services	\$6,892,600	\$7,398,803	\$506,203
General Fund	\$4,087,869	\$4,450,177	\$362,308
Program Development Fund (PDF)	2,253	2,242	-11
Developmental Disabilities Svs Acct	150	150	0
Federal Trust Fund	54,276	54,276	0
Reimbursements	2,747,312	2,891,218	143,906
Mental Health Services Fund	740	740	0
Developmental Centers Program			
Personal Services	\$328,468	\$255,941	-\$72,527
Operating Expense & Equipment	65,915	53,521	-12,394
Total, Developmental Centers	\$394,383	\$309,462	-\$84,921
General Fund	\$306,682	\$265,834	-\$40,848
Federal Trust Fund	0	0	0
Lottery Education Fund	180	180	0
Reimbursements	87,521	43,448	-44,073
Headquarters Support			
Personal Services	61,754	69,442	7,688
Operating Expense & Equipment	9,141	15,351	6,210
Total, Headquarters Support	\$70,895	\$84,793	\$13,898
General Fund	\$42,314	\$53,217	\$10,903
Federal Trust Fund	2,761	2,708	-53
PDF	388	389	1
Reimbursements	24,953	27,999	3,046
Mental Health Services Fund	479	480	1
Totals, All Programs	\$7,357,878	\$7,793,058	\$435,180
Total Funding			
General Fund	\$4,436,865	\$4,769,228	\$332,363
Federal Trust Fund	57,037	56,984	-53
Lottery Education Fund	180	180	0
PDF	2,641	2,631	-10
Developmental Disabilities Svs Acct	150	150	0
Reimbursements	2,859,786	2,962,665	102,879
Mental Health Services Fund	1,219	1,220	1
Totals, All Funds	\$7,357,878	\$7,793,058	\$435,180
Caseloads			
Developmental Centers	514	323	-191
Regional Centers	333,094	349,606	16,512
Departmental Positions			
Developmental Centers	3,182.7	2,497.9	-684.8
Headquarters	444.0	503.0	59.0

*Total Expenditures do not reflect the statewide item for Employee Retention Incentives of \$20.1 million that was added by the 2016 Budget Act and displayed as a Carryover in the Governor's Budget Galley.

Recruitment – SCDD still needs Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Members for outlying counties. Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Tehama and Trinity Counties. Our next RAC meeting is February 8, 2019.

CalABLE

As of December 18, 2018 CalABLE is now available for interested parties. The program provides a way to save more money than the \$2000 by putting money in a tax-advantaged investment without losing their public benefits. More information is available on the California Treasurer's website. The link to the fact sheet is:

<https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/able/resources/factsheets/factsheet-en-us.pdf>

The California ABLE Act Board's meeting met on January 22, 2019 from 1:30-4:30 pm for those interested in learning more.

CalFRESH

At the November 2018 SCDD Council meeting, Councilmembers received a presentation from DSS on changes coming to the CalFRESH program starting 2019 summer on how they will determine eligibility for the program. More people will be able to access the supplemental nutrition benefit (Sometimes referred to as "Food Stamps") as long as they remain certain eligibility. SCDD will be helping to educate the public once materials are developed and the program is ready to be launched. More information will be coming in the future.

SCDD is responsible for looking for ways to improves services and supports by reviewing policies and practices of publicly funded agencies, identify types of services and supports that are needed but not available, and we monitor legislation that is significant to individuals with developmental disabilities. Some of the things we are doing:

Public Charge Rule – Council Opposes this! The federal government is proposing changes to the federal regulations regarding public charge (immigrant who is considered likely to be dependent on public benefits) and the Council submitted a letter regarding having issues with the rule and strongly oppose it.

SCDD Grants – SCDD administers grants to community-based organizations to fund new and innovative program development projects.

Statewide Strategic Framework for Expanding Housing Opportunities for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities –

In 2017, SCDD awarded a **Cycle 40 Grant to the Lanterman Housing Alliance (LHA)**, which is a state-wide collaborative of 11 non-profit organizations, 3 for-profit partners and 2 affiliates that focus on improving housing options in California. This grant had a contract to produce a Strategic Framework by September 2018. The product is on our website and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities is asking for comments on the draft [Strategic Framework for Expanding Housing Opportunities for People with I/DD](#) that is posted on our website and would like them emailed to council@scdd.ca.gov by January 31, 2019.

Easter Seals received a statewide grant for Cycle 40. The Grant Outcomes regarding the Discovery Process for Customized Employment is a Systems Change Issue and shows that Customized Employment is being recognized and works.

Cycle 41 Grant Awarded to Get Safe

This grant will provide training opportunities for:

- Persons with I/DD
- Family members, caregivers, and support personnel within our catchment area to learn about interacting with law enforcement
- Law enforcement/emergency responders

Persons with I/DD will learn how to identify law enforcement and what to expect in an encounter, what to do in a crisis and how to recover. They will also learn effective communication and self-advocacy techniques.

Family and Community Supports attendees will receive an overview of law enforcement and I/DD curriculum and learn how to assist and advocate for a loved one/client in a law enforcement interaction. They will also learn how to identify signs of abuse.

16-hour POST Certified (Plan IV) Instructor Development Course. The law enforcement Train the Trainer Course meets the Penal Code (PC) 13515.27.2, meets POST Perishable Skills, and Enhances Basic Course Learning Domain #37 (Persons with Disabilities) Instructor Skills. Students graduate with necessary knowledge to present training locally. It is a Trauma-informed course (1239-20764) improves law enforcement response to persons with mental illness, intellectual disabilities, and/or substance abuse. The class includes interactive exercises, de-escalation strategies, understanding sensory response issues, empathy building, and field reference cards.

More information will be provided in the future once dates and locations are identified.

Collaborations:

Rural Outreach, Trainings, and Presentations

Work continues with reaching out to underserved and rural areas with training opportunities. Staff hosted a table in Redding at the Promotores Open House on January 12, 2019 and in Chico on January 26, 2019. Staff educated Spanish speaking parents and provided resources in both English and Spanish encouraging them to share with others. Staff will be presenting at the upcoming Native American Training and Technical Assistance (NATTA) Gathering that will be held in Oroville on February 5, 2019.

Disability Action Network (DAN)

Staff is an active member of the DAN Health Coalition along with numerous community agencies including: Peg Taylor Center, Anthem Blue Cross Medi-Cal, Disability Action Center, Passages, California Health & Wellness, Enloe Medical Center, Partnership Health Plan of California, and community advocates. DAN commits to advocating for changes that improve health and wellness in the lives of older adults and people of all ages with disabilities in the far Northeastern counties of California. DAN organized a community symposium, Leadership Voices on Healthcare Direction on October 12, 2018. The program included a Political Panel discussion of key healthcare issues affecting people that have disabilities, seniors and primary users of Medicare and Medi-Cal systems. Additionally, included leaders of our health care services and community agencies. It was a success and at the January 18, 2019 DAN meeting, the coalition discussed the impact of the Camp Fire and have committed to organizing another symposium in 2019 that will focus on emergency preparedness. Disaster awareness, evacuation priorities/strategies, teaching aides and many other topics to educate and prepare our community. DAN is also interested in hosting and organizing workshops to provide education. Staff will be working collaboratively with the coalition and community resources to plan another event at Enloe Conference Center.

Supported Decision Making Event with MIND Institute

Staff was approached by UC Davis, MIND Institute's Center of Excellence to coordinate a training with community partners to organize several trainings for parents and community members on Supported Decision Making, an alternative to Conservatorship. Staff invited Far Northern Regional Center, Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy and Rowell Family Empowerment of Northern California to work together with UC Davis MIND Institute to organize the trainings for our region.

SCDD Staff Activities include Continued Involvement with Training Emergency Responders and Emergency Preparedness

Staff is participating in Crisis Intervention Trainings (CIT), along with other SCDD Regional Office Managers who have been certified as POST Instructors by the CHP Academy in Sacramento, to provide training to law enforcement officers and first responders to learn about

developmental disabilities and tips on how to interact with people with developmental disabilities. Staff will be participating in the CIT class on January 30, 2019 in Susanville and February 4, 2019 in Red Bluff. Prior to the most recent Butte County Fire and Evacuation, staff was actively providing education throughout our catchment area with training and information distribution. We continue to train and distribute the Feeling Safe, Being Safe materials to our rural counties and encourage programs to share the materials with as many people as they can.

Self-Determination Update

SCDD's first State Plan goal is about Self-Advocacy and making sure Californian's with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities have information to achieve self-determination. SCDD is responsible for monitoring, supporting and actively engaging in the implementation of the Self-Determination Program.

An example of the work we are expected to do in the future (per statute) is for SCDD to develop a survey tool to be used once the Self-Determination Roll-Out is up and running. The local Self-Determination Advisory Committee is met today in Chico, CA. In preparing for developing the survey tool that will be used after the Self-Determination Program is up and running, SCDD staff will be asking the local Self-Determination Committee members to start thinking about who they think should facilitate the questions in the survey once it is developed. FNRC had 60 individuals that were identified on October 1, 2018 but that number has since changed due to the Camp Fire. The next local Self-Determination Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2019 in Chico, CA. The next SCDD Statewide Self-Determination is on February 21, 2019 in San Diego, CA.



CalFresh Food & the End of SSI Cash-Out

What does this mean?

SSI RECIPIENTS MAY ALSO RECEIVE CALFRESH FOOD BENEFITS ON AN EBT CARD BEGINNING SUMMER 2019!

- **SSI benefits will NOT be reduced or eliminated** because of this change. CAPI benefits will increase \$10 per person per month for equity with SSI/SSP.
- **Most SSI recipients will need to apply for CalFresh** – either on the phone, on-line, or in person at their county social services office.
- **Excluded SSI members of current CalFresh households DO NOT need to apply:** SSI members will be added to existing CalFresh households at the next semi-annual or annual report after implementation; or the household can make a voluntary request to add the SSI member any time after implementation.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Newly Eligible for CalFresh Food Benefits	Most SSI recipients and couples living on their own, will be newly eligible for CalFresh. If approved, you will receive an EBT card with CalFresh food benefits loaded monthly. Average food benefits for a household of one is <i>estimated</i> to be \$130 per month.
Still Eligible for CalFresh, More Food Benefits	Still Eligible for CalFresh, Less Food Benefits
If adding the SSI recipient increases a household's CalFresh food benefits, they will simply receive more CalFresh food benefits on their existing EBT card.	If adding the SSI recipient reduces a household's CalFresh food benefits, they will be eligible to receive a state-funded nutrition benefit called the Supplemental Nutrition Benefit (SNB) on their existing EBT card.
Still Eligible for CalFresh, More Food Benefits	Still Eligible for CalFresh, Less Food Benefits
If adding the SSI recipient increases a household's CalFresh food benefits, they will simply receive more CalFresh food benefits on their existing EBT card.	If adding the SSI recipient leads to a total loss of CalFresh food benefits , they will be eligible to receive a state-funded nutrition benefit called the Transitional Nutrition Benefit (TNB) on their existing EBT card.

Get updates here: <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/CalFreshSSI>

Need more information? Send questions here: CalFreshSSI@dss.ca.gov



POLICY PRIORITIES 2019-2020

PROTECTING AND ENHANCING CIVIL RIGHTS

Every person with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) has the right to equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency. People with I/DD have the right to be safe at school, work, and in the community. Disparities in access, outcomes, and quality for all services and supports must be addressed. Federal and state programs providing services and supports to people with I/DD must be transparent and accountable. Complexities in the service delivery system must be reduced, and assistance in navigating services and supports should be provided to people with I/DD and their families.

The Council will work to ensure civil rights are protected in federal and state policies. The Council will work to ensure the full and robust implementation and enhancement of recent federal policies that enshrine the values of the ADA including the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA), Home and Community-Based Services Setting Rule (HCBS), Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and Achieving Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act.

ENHANCING COMMUNITY LIVING

Statewide community-based integrated living options for individuals with I/DD must be increased and enhanced through access to housing programs and subsidies. Community education and integration must be provided. Permanent, affordable, accessible, and sustained housing options must be continually developed to meet both current and future needs. In California, it is estimated that 74 percent of people with I/DD live with family. On average, 138 percent of a person's SSI payment is needed to afford a 1 bedroom apartment.

The Council will work to improve options by implementing the SCDD Housing Framework. The Council will work to ensure money from closures of the Developmental Centers remains in a dedicated housing fund to support integrated community housing for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



IMPLEMENTATION OF SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM

Individuals with I/DD and their families must have the option to control their service dollars and their services. The Self-Determination Program (SDP) gives individuals the tools and the basic human right to pursue life, liberty, and happiness in the ways that they choose. The process begins with a Person-Centered Plan which details the individual's unique needs, competencies, and aspirations.

The Council will support, monitor, and evaluate the implementation of the SDP.

GUARANTEEING ACCESS TO COMPETITIVE INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT

Every person with I/DD must be provided with opportunities for competitive integrated employment (CIE). In California, CIE is the priority outcome for working age individuals with I/DD, regardless of the severity of their disability. Data shows that only 13.6 percent of Californians with I/DD between the ages of 16 – 64 are employed in CIE (compared to the employment rate of the general population in the same age range at 75.7 percent). Policies and practices must promote collaboration between local and state agencies. Policies and practices must remove barriers to CIE through promoting access to information, benefits counseling, job training, inclusive postsecondary education, and ensuring appropriate provider rates that incentivize quality employment outcomes.

The Council will work to ensure full and robust implementation of California's Employment First Law and the implementing of the Blueprint for Change. The Council will work to ensure that policies and practices set expectations for CIE, microenterprise training, and self-employment. The Council will work to incentivize employers and contractors for hiring employees with I/DD.

ENSURING ACCESS TO THE COMMUNITY

Every person with I/DD must have access to and be fully supported to fully participate in their communities. Community based programs must be funded. Adequate services and supports in the community rely on having adequate wages for providers. The state must increase rates to adequately support the availability of quality services and supports. A planned and systematic approach to rate adjustments must prioritize and incentivize services and supports.

The Council will work to restore the Department of Developmental Services programs that were cut in 2009 including camp and social recreation. The Council will support efforts to provide adequate wages (which is being examined by the Department of Developmental Services' Rate Study). The Council will also work to ensure adequate services and supports by working to ensure effective implementation of the new eligibility for receiving benefits from the CalFresh program.

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